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ORGANIZATIONS TO VIENNA

FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY
SIMONE LAPERRIERE WHICH APPEARED IN LA SUISSE (8 AUGUST
1978):

TITLE: "TRANSFER OF THE 'INTERNATIONALS': VIENNA
APPEARS LESS GREEDY"

BEGIN TEXT

THE "INTERNATIONALS" OF GENEVA WHO WILL MOVE TO VIENNA
WILL BE LESS NUMEROUS THAN ANTICIPATED. ONE HAD FORESEEN,
IN 1976, 250 TRANSFERS SPREAD OVER FIVE YEARS. AT
THAT TIME, ONE TOOK A LITTLE TRAGICALLY THE RESOLUTION
OF THE U.N. GENEVA ASSEMBLY LOOKING TOWARD THE MOVEMENT
OF CERTAIN SERVICES FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA INTO THE
NEW AND GIGANTIC DONAU PARK COMPLEX. ONE SPOKE AT
THE TIME OF A TOTAL OF 500 PEOPLE DISPLACED FROM THE
TWO U.N. METROPOLISES, OR LOSSES OF 250 FOR EACH. TODAY
THIS EVALUATION HAS BEEN LOWERED CONSIDERABLY, DUE
TO UNFORESEEN EVENTS. SO MUCH THE BETTER FOR THE GENEVA
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ECONOMY WHICH HARVESTS, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ESTIMATES
A BENEFIT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECTOR OF THE MAGNITUDE
OF A BILLION FRANCS PER YEAR.

THE PERSPECTIVES HAVE CHANGED IN TWO YEARS FOR A REALLY
SIMPLE REASON. VIENNA TODAY HAS LESS SPACE. AND, AS A
RESULT, IT IS LESS DESIROUS OF INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONARIES.

THE FAMOUS CITY IN THE DONAU PARK, FULL OF EMPTY SPACES IN 1976 IS FILLING UP GRADUALLY THANKS TO THE GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS AND UNEXPECTED MOVEMENTS. TWO CASES IN PARTICULAR HAVE OVERTURNED THE PLANS:

- THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IS GROWING. IN 1976 IT ESTIMATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO USE AN OFFICE TOWER BEFORE 1985. WELL, ITS DEVELOPMENT WILL SPEED UP ITS TAKING POSSESSION OF THIS BUILDING.

- A LARGE PART OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF UNRWA (UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST) WHICH USED TO BE IN BEIRUT HAS JUST MOVED TO VIENNA FOR EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS OF PEACE AND QUIET. TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX OFFICIALS ARRIVED LAST WEEK BY CHARTER FLIGHTS TO THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL. THIS MEANS THAT THAT NUMBER OF PLACES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED IN THE CITY ON THE BANKS OF THE DANUBE. ANOTHER 100 MEMBERS OF UNRWA HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM BEIRUT TO AMMAN.

ACCORDING TO A WELL INFORMED SOURCE, SOME 50 "INTERNATIONALS" WILL LEAVE GENEVA IN 1979:

- FORTY-TWO ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE DRUG CONTROL SERVICES. THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL SERVICES, NUMBER-
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ING 47, WILL REMAIN IN GENEVA.

- SEVEN ARE HOLDERS OF PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

AT THE SAME TIME, 63 PERSONS WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM NEW YORK TO VIENNA:

- FIFTY-THREE ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE CENTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

- TEN BELONG TO THE DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1980 AND BEYOND? TO KNOW THAT, ONE HAS TO AWAIT THE REPORT OF KURT WALDHEIM, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE U.N. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREJUDGE HIS DECISION WHICH WILL BE MADE KNOWN AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK. THAT WILL BE AT THE END OF OCTOBER, NO DOUBT. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE CITED FACTS AND OTHER IMPONDERABLES, ONE IS JUSTIFIED IN COUNTING ON NEW TRANSFERS "ACCORDING TO A

FLEXIBLE AND HARMONIOUS PROCESS," BUT CERTAINLY MUCH
LESS NUMEROUS THAN ONE FEARED IN 1976.

AT THE PALACE OF NATIONS IN GENEVA ONE ADDS THAT THE
DEPARTURES CERTAINLY WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR BY NEW
RECRUITMENT, NOTABLY IN UNCTAD WHICH IS ENLARGING ITS
STAFF. END TEXT.SORENSEN

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